

K-Valley Newsletter for September 4, 2014

District website: <http://kvalley.pinetreebsa.org/> <-- **NOTE New Web Address!**
District Facebook Group: Search for Kennebec Valley District, BSA and click Like
Council website: <http://www.pinetreebsa.org>

The last few newsletters are also available on the District Website.

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ROUNDTABLE

Always the second Wednesday of the month, September through May.

Next RT is September 10

Location: Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville

Network/socializing: about 6:15pm to 7pm

District/Council Announcements 7pm

Break-out sessions for Boy Scout Leaders and Cub Scout Leaders after announcements

Wraps-up by 8:30pm.

Some leaders also socialize after RT at the Waterville Applebee's Restaurant.

Roundtable is open to ALL volunteers.

The K-Valley Chapter of the OA also meets at Roundtable, unless they announce otherwise. Troop leaders, please offer a ride to your OA youth.

FALL KV BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE

October 17-19

Silver Spur Riding Club, Route 104, just south of Lyons Rd (I-95 Exit 120, Sidney)

Keyv the Grey invites you to A Journey through Middle Earth

Registration fee: \$12pp

Early Bird Discount: Register/pay by September 19 and pay only \$10pp

Registration flier was distributed to all Boy Scout units present at kick-off.

MORE DETAILS AT ROUNDTABLE ON Sept. 10.

UPDATE: Flyer is now on the district website at:

<http://kvalley.pinetrebsa.org/documents/2014/08/kvalley-2014-fall-camporee.pdf>

RECHARTER

Recharter packets were handed out at kick-off. If you weren't there, please contact your unit commissioner. Unit commissioners will soon have your password for the online process. Don't know who that is? Contact the District Commissioner, Charlie Ferguson at chuckemian@hotmail.com

Your current roster according to Council will be available at Roundtable (9/10).

Online process opens on Oct. 1.

Drop-dead date: December 31, 2014. There is NO GRACE PERIOD this year. If you fail to have your charter done by Dec. 31, your unit ceases to exist. This means:

Your unit loses tenure .

No more liability insurance.

No advancement allowed. Only registered members can advance in rank. If your unit drops, you're not registered. Put it another way: Let's say you've got an Eagle candidate up for his board of review in January and he turns 18 at the end of January. If your unit drops, you'd best get him transferred to another unit so he can have his board of review 'cause it'll be the only way it would happen at that point.

You have to start the process over with a new unit application form as if your unit never existed.

As your newsletter editor, I'm sorry to be so blunt about it, but it's happened to me as a unit leader. Except in my case, it wasn't that we failed to get the paperwork on time. It was the chartered organization that pulled the rug out from under the unit I was helping as they chose not to allow the unit to continue with no time for us to try and find a new chartering organization. 50 years of history down the tubes for what was the second oldest unit in that council (South Plains, West Texas). Fortunately, we found another unit for our boys to transfer to so they could continue in scouting.

All the volunteers at the district level understand that recharter is a pain, but it's serious and it needs to be done. Please get it in on time.

ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA) ORDEAL

The Order of the Arrow Fall Ordeal and work weekend will be held at Camp Hinds the weekend of Sept 12-14. All candidates who were elected this year and have not yet gone through an ordeal need to attend this session or they must get reelected next year. There are roughly 80 candidates who need to attend.

Information for new candidates for the ordeal can be found at:

<http://madockawanda.wordpress.com/home/ordealcandidates/>

General information for members and those planning to seal their brotherhood:

<http://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/ordeal-weekend-flyer.pdf>

OA CENTINNIEL AWARD

Here are the links for the 100th Anniversary OA Arrowman Service Awards:

Adult (over 21)

https://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/asa_requirementcards_adult.pdf

Youth (under 21)

https://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/asa_requirementcards_youth.pdf

I will also try to remember to bring some to Roundtable meeting.

Bruce

OA LODGE DUES ARE OVERDUE!

2014 only has just under 4 months left to it. Have you paid your dues? Apparently, many (roughly 264) have not. We need to make positive growth in our paid membership numbers in order to make quality lodge (just like your troop/pack, there are goals a lodge needs to make every year to make quality lodge). To do that, at least half of those 264 need to pay their dues. Lodge dues also help cover the expenses of the lodge, which include significant service projects at all four of our summer camp properties. If you are a "member" of the lodge who hasn't paid their dues yet this year, please do so as soon as possible.

Dues form is available at:

<http://madockawanda.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/membership-dues-form.pdf>

DAR HISTORY CONTEST

Forwarded by Andrew Rueger and Tony Bessy:

Good morning, Mr. Rueger. I have just left a message on your voicemail about our contest, and I said I was going to follow up with an email with important information about DAR and the contest. Just to get on your good side, let me tell you that my mother was a Den Mother (Peaks Island, in the 1940's) and I was a Den Mother in PA in the 1970's, and my grandson is a Cub in NYC right now.

The DAR member and dear friend who urged me to contact the Boy Scouts said that the Scouts can get medals for such an activity. Across the state (and the nation), the Scouts conduct respectful flag retirement ceremonies with DAR members in attendance. So if

you could review this information and let me know if you think some Scouts will want to participate, can you contact me?

The forms here could either be printed by the Scouts or leaders themselves, or if you wish, I could send hard copies to wherever you tell me (and tell me how many I should send).

I would also like to put up a poster at the beautiful Pine Tree Council Headquarters on Warren Ave., if that would be permitted.

This is my first year as the American History Chairman, and it has been some time since our chapter participated. I want to change that! As you'll see in the official description below, the topic "A Child's Journey Through Ellis Island," is a very rich and emotional.

What I want to do here is to give you the overview of the contest, of DAR and why Ellis Island is so important to us, of our Chapter and why it is important to us, and the documents that the Scouts would need.

Here goes:

The American History Essay Contest: an annual contest for Grades 5-8. This year's topic is A Child's Journey through Ellis Island. The following description of this year's topic is from the National DAR site:

The year 2015 marks the 125th anniversary of Ellis Island as an immigration station. On a typical day, immigrants arriving on the island could expect to spend up to seven hours in processing activities intended to determine whether or not they were legally and medically fit to enter the United States. Imagine yourself as a child traveling through Ellis Island in 1892. How would you describe your experience to your cousin who has never heard of Ellis Island?

About DAR: Any woman age 18 and older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

About the DAR and Ellis Island: DAR members visited Ellis Island in the 1920's and noticed that the "detainees" looked bored and restless. There was a lot of fighting among the 60 different nationalities, likely due to their having nothing to do. The DAR requested of the government to allow them to set up sewing areas. They did so, providing all the materials and volunteering their time, first for the women, who made dresses and underwear. That endeavor was so successful that the government asked them to create a similar situation for men. They did, and the men made trousers, underwear and sweaters. DAR built on those successes and expanded to wood shops. These practical, pro-active projects changed the whole atmosphere for the better.

More than 10 million DAR Manual for Citizenship books have been given to immigrants since 1921, and DAR has donated more than \$750,000 to the restoration of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. The DAR's commitment to immigration has been one of unwaveringly active and dedicated participation, which is why this year's topic holds extra significance for us.

About our chapter: The Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter is the oldest in Maine and named after Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's grandmother. This year's topic seems exquisitely special to our locale given our vibrant, diverse community, and timely for our country, with passions running high about immigration. Every year, some of our Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter members attend about 22 naturalization ceremonies in the Portland area, handing out almost 900 small American flags and welcome cards.

Hoping to hear from you and thanking you for your time,

Barbara Carmone
American History Chairman
Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, NSDAR

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Newsletter Editor's note: Attachments were not received in the version sent to me and I could not forward them if I had received them. Perhaps you can contact Ms. Carmone directly if you have an interested scout.

GIRL SCOUT NEEDS HELP WITH HER SILVER AWARD SERVICE PROJECT

My Boy Scout Friends,

My name is Sierra Cummins and I'm a Cadette in girl scouts from Monmouth Troop 444. (My brother, Logan is a boy scout in Monmouth Troop 654) I am currently trying to earn my Silver Award (one award below the Eagle Award in Boy Scouts) during which I have to do something to help my community. I have chosen to make Heart Pillows, the ones given to patients who just underwent some kind of Cardiovascular surgery.

In November 2010 my Grammy unexpectedly had to have a triple bypass. The hospital she was at ran out of the heart pillows. Instead, the nurses used rolled up towels to make her comfortable. A couple of days later, on November 22, Grammy died. The expected shipment of pillows still hadn't arrived so she never received one. My goal is to make it so no other patient has to go without a pillow. That's why I want to do this so much: in memory of my Grammy, Janice Amelia Doody Barrios.

I would like to bring 50+ finished pillows to CMHVI this month, with the help of my fellow community members, friends, and family. To get me started Mrs. Karla Tapley, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernier have helped with donations but I am still short some fabric and stuffing. Would you be able to help me fulfill my goal by donating fabric, thread or stuffing? Any of them would significantly help.

Thank You

Sierra

Newsletter Editor's Note: If you wish to help Sierra out, you can contact her mother, Samantha Remington, at sldremington@gmail.com.

POW WOW CUB TRAINING

Saturday, Sept 27th, 8am---4pm

In Cumberland, ME
Theme: "Take Flight"

This Training event is for Cub leaders, Pack Committee members, Cub parents, Den Chiefs, and other interested leaders. Learn by DOING! Be prepared to create, play, sing, dance, laugh and SMILE. Pow Wow is an action-- - packed hands-- - on training event. Participation is KEY! We'll give you the tools to deliver and support an exciting, fun-- - filled Cub program with the 2015 theme "Take Flight"

When: Saturday, September 27th, 2014
Registration begins at 8AM Classes run 9AM to 4PM
Lunch is noon to 1PM Bring your own bag lunch, beverages provided

Where: Congregational Church of Cumberland, 282 Main St. Cumberland, Maine

Cost: \$10.00 pre---register OR \$12.00 Walk-- - ins

Contact: Sherry Robinson mom23giz@yahoo.com

PHILMONT 2015

From Tony Bessy (forwarded from Matt Randall):

Please share the attached flyer for a Philmont Trek 2015 open house this October with your peeps.

Rick Raynes will be heading up the trek as the SM, and Eric and I have been working with him on this piece for distribution.

Jake already has the Program Launch flyer online at Pine Spills here - <http://pinetrebsa.org/documents/2014/07/philmont-trek-2015.pdf> that shipped this summer in your Program Launch packets, and will be putting this piece up asap as well.

We already have 3 Scouts interested in going, and we can take up to 16 Scouts - so plenty of room yet to go.

The trek rolls out the end of June 2015, but we want Scouts to commit in 2014 so they can be a part of the trainings/shake downs in 2015.

TEXT FROM THE FLYER:

PTC's "PHILMONT 2015" Open House

Do you want to know about Philmont? Do you want to GO to Philmont? Does the idea of backpacking through the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico sound like fun? How about climbing mountains as high as 12,441 feet or white water rafting down the Rio Grande? If you will be at least 14 years old by June 28th, 2015, then you can join Pine Tree Council's Philmont Contingent and experience one of BSA's premier high adventure bases!

Donated in 1938, Philmont Scout Ranch is 127,395 acres of Scouting High Adventure, where crews of 12 experience exciting and challenging treks! Plenty of back-country programs await you as you hike from camp to camp! Completing your trek not only earns you the prestigious Philmont Arrowhead Award, it fills you with confidence, character and leadership that truly embodies what Scouting is all about!

Come find out more at Pine Tree Council's "Philmont 2015" Open house! There is no obligation... just a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Friday, October 3rd, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Pine Tree Council Service Center
131 Johnson Rd, Portland, ME

The next newsletter will go out on Thurs. 9/11 after roundtable.

YiS,

Scott B.